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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Patent Application of: _____

Lloyd D. Rose

Application No.: 10/759,613

Group Art Unit: 2837

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Examiner: K. R. Lockett

For: REMOVABLE NUT ASSEMBLY, METHODS
AND KITS FOR STRINGED MUSICAL
INSTRUMENTS

RESPONSE TO RESTRICTION REQUIREMENT

Commissioner for Patents
P.O. Box 1450
Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

Dear Sir:

This communication is in response to the Office Action mailed December 4, 2006, in the above-identified application. In the Office Action, the Examiner noted that the application contains claims directed to what the Examiner contends are the following patentably distinct species:

Embodiment 1: Figures 1-5

Embodiment 2: Figure 6

Embodiment 3: Figure 7

Embodiment 4: Figure 8

Embodiment 5: Figures 9, 10

The Examiner contended that the species are independent or distinct because each embodiment discloses a different and distinct bridge structure. Thus, the Examiner required the applicant, under 35 U.S.C. § 121, to elect a single

disclosed species for prosecution on the merits as to which the claims will be restricted if no generic claim is finally held to be allowable. In this regard, the Examiner contended that currently none of the claims are generic. Still further, the Examiner advised applicant that a reply to the election requirement must include an identification of the species that is elected and a listing of all claims readable thereon, including any claims subsequently added.

In response to the election requirement, applicant hereby elects the species of Embodiment I, encompassing Figures 1-5.

The claims readable on the elected embodiment are as follows: claims 1-6; 12-14; 16; 18-24; 28-33; 40; and 46-51.

In the event any fee is due in connection with the present response, the Examiner is authorized to charge Applicant's Deposit Account No. 12-1095 therefor.

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